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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-310

Purpose: To provide notice of revisions to the Electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG). The eFOTG can be accessed through the Illinois home page by clicking on "eFOTG" or at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>.

Location

Summary of Changes

Section I. References – Agronomy

Updated the Agronomy Reference List to reflect renamed Illinois Agronomy Technical Note No. IL-2.

Section I. Technical Notes -Agronomy

Illinois Agronomy Technical Note No. IL-2 has been revised and renamed "Guidelines for Determining Herbaceous Stand Adequacy and Diversity."

This Tech note provides guidelines to evaluate the adequacy of new CRP or other grass/legume plantings and also to evaluate the diversity of CRP stands that are reenrolled, stands that are enrolled in the new CRP-Grassland Initiative, or other grass/legume stands.

Section IV.A. Index of Conservation Practices

Index of Conservation Practice Standards – Alphabetical

Updated to include new and revised practice standards

Index of Conservation Practice Standards - Numerical

Updated to include new and revised practice standards

Section IV. B. Conservation Practices

Firebreak (394) Standard and Supporting Documents

Standard updated to reflect changes in the national standard. Substantial changes have been made from the previous standard.

New 394 Fillable Job Sheet. This document is to assist planning and communication of specifications to the producer.

Statement of Work (SOW) updated to reflect changes in the national standard.

Irrigation Water Management (449) Standard and Supporting Documents

Standard updated to reflect changes in the national standard. Substantial changes have been made from the previous standard.

Statement of Work (SOW) updated to reflect changes in the national standard.

Irrigation Water Management (449) Supporting Documents (continued)

Irrigation Evaluation Data Sheet. This document is to be used to gather the inventory data needed for developing an IWM plan.

Irrigation Water Management Information Sheet. This document is to be provided to and discussed with each producer. Include the Information Sheet as a part of the IWM plan.

Nutrient Management (590). General Manure Application Guidelines for WFS

These guidelines were developed for ONLY Winter Feeding Stations (WFS) use. They are not to be used for any other situation. 590 NM will not be a required item for WFS, but these guidelines are to be provided to the producer. The producer will be expected to follow these guidelines for managing the manure produced in a WFS. This requirement is listed in the Heavy Use Area Protection (561) Standard. The guidelines will be located in the FOTG in Section IV under CPS 590.

Heavy Use Area Protection (561) Standard and Supporting Documents

Standard updated to reflect changes in the national standard, and to improve implementation of the WFS based on a 2015 analysis of Illinois sites.

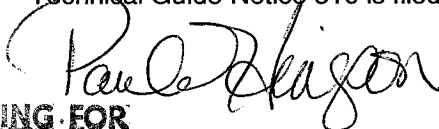
Statement of Work (SOW) updated for clarity.

Conservation Practice Guidance – Winter Feeding Station supplements the Excel-based standard drawings released with EFH Notice 84 in September, 2015. Provides guidance on how to select a standard size of WFS that will fit the number of livestock and the feeding management style of the producer.

Operation and Maintenance document for the WFS has been updated to include the new nutrient management guidelines and ensure that all feeding is done within the WFS.

Operation and Maintenance document for Heavy Use Pad has been updated to help ensure that feeding activities remain on the pad and to add "lime" as a surfacing material to support recent changes in the standard drawings.

Technical Guide Notice 310 is filed under Section I, "FOTG transmittals" at the FOTG site.


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